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In accordance with our conversation and following my return to Washington, I attempted to ascertain whether or not the necessary investigation for your permanent employment with CIA had been completed. It is the policy not to make any statement at all until a case is definitely completed. You will understand that employees here in Washington were investigated first and consequently the mere fact that a definite yes or no is not given on employees located in field stations does not mean that anything of a derogatory nature has been discovered. At any rate, however, I am in no better position to answer your questions on this score than I was when I saw you in Tokyo. You are the only person, I suppose, who can answer the question as to whether or not you have anything to be concerned about.

There are two other factors, however, that enter into the picture of your future with this organization. As I told you when I saw you, while no one seems to question your editorial ability, your reputation of reliability and dependability is not all that could be desired. This is something which I cannot judge from this distance. However, it is essential that your immediate supervisor have absolute confidence that you will be on the job on time and that he can depend upon the job being done in a highly professional manner during your complete tour of duty.

In the light of the overall planning for the future of FBIB, I am not at all certain that it will be possible for you to remain in Tokyo. I do not anticipate any immediate change. However, if it is your desire to stay in Tokyo, I would advise you to get your feelers out now for other positions in which you might be employed. Please understand that you are under no pressure whatever to leave our organization, but if it is your desire to transfer to some other agency in Tokyo, I will arrange for your release without delay.

It was a pleasure meeting you and talking to you, and I regret very much that my schedule did not permit me to enjoy your good offer of hospitality in arranging a party. I would have thoroughly enjoyed it and regret that I did not see more of you during my visit.

Sincerely,

L. K. WHITE

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